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1. The SNV has incorporated Muehlberg, Maustrenk, and ITAG-Rannerdorf in the Matzen complex. Recent developments at Matzen indicate that the SNV building program at Prottes will not be completed within the next three months as scheduled, and SNV Purchasing Office employees now believe this SNV office will remain in Vienna until sometime in the first part of 1950.\*

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2. A natural gas pipeline, 500 millimeters in diameter, is now being laid from Matzen to Vienna.

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3. Matzen recently received a considerable amount of new drill pipe from the Vitkovice Iron Works in Czechoslovakia, which the SNV purchased for 2.80 schillings per kilogram. According to Brich Stracil, an Austrian engineer employed at Matzen, a German firm, allegedly Mannesmann of Mannheim, has offered the SNV 500 tons of drill pipe for 2.20 schillings per kilogram. Payment may be made in dollars, but source does not know whether the SNV has accepted this offer.
4. Gas wells, K5 and K6, have been connected with a 10-inch pipeline which supplies Vienna, but these wells are producing less than 40,000 cubic meters of gas per 24-hour period at a pressure of 18 to 20 atmospheres.
5. Matzner, a Communist, is director of the Matzen Drilling Section, and Poellritzer, a non-Communist, is in charge of all drilling projects in the Matzen fields. Both men are Austrian nationals and former ITAG employees. At present, the SNV owes Poellritzer 5,700 schillings for his work on Matzen well No. 8 and 3,000 schillings for wells No. 3 and 7. Locman (phonetic), a Communist possibly of

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Czechoslovak origin who has been employed in Austrian oil fields since 1945, is now in charge of Matzen's Production Section. Christian Muelner, an Austrian Communist and former ITAG employee, is chief mechanic at Matzen.

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6. About two weeks ago, the SMV started drilling two new wells in the western part of the Prinzendorf fields. Drilling has been carried to a depth of 800 meters, but as yet no oil stratum has been found.

Production Figures for September 1949Sept. 1949

7. The following figures calculated to the nearest 100 metric tons represent the amount of oil pumped from the various SMV oil fields and do not indicate actual well production.

<u>SMV Field</u>	<u>Number of Wells in Production</u>	<u>Total Number of Tons</u>
ITAG and Maustrenk	47	4,200
Hohenrumpersdorf	1	75
DEA/I (Neusiedl)	?	9,000
DEA/II (Hauskirchen)	?	9,300
Muehlberg	26	36,000
Matzen	2	7,500
E.P.G.	?	7,000
Rohoel A.G.	?	15,000
Van Sickle	?	5,100

Total Number Tons of Oil Delivered During Sept. 1949 93,175

Dismantling and Transfer of Equipment2 Oct. 1949

8. Although most SMV dismantling operations have been halted temporarily, some equipment will probably continue to be transferred from less important fields to Matzen. The Hauskirchen plant for the production of gasoline from natural gas, which was partially dismantled in 1945, has now been completely dismantled and transferred to Muehlberg. Before 1945, five reduction tanks ("absorbers") in this plant produced 30 tons of high-grade gasoline daily. It is probable that a similar but smaller plant now at ITAG may also be sent to Muehlberg. Dismantling operations at ITAG have been completed, and SMV Director Chernomorski has directed the Soviet director of ITAG to prepare a comprehensive list of the minimum amount of equipment required to maintain ITAG's current production.\*\*

SMV Purchases3 Oct. 1949

9. During the past two weeks, while SMV enterprises have been inventorying equipment and material stocks, the SMV Purchasing Office has made only one cash payment of 80,750 schillings to Semperit Gummiwerke A.G. for 130 complete tires, 7.50 x 20 inches and 8 x 20 inches, and placed one order with Sichtermann Draht- und Kabelwerk G.m.b.H. for 510 meters of 4 x 16 rubber-covered cable.

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Items Received at the SMV Central Warehouse, Neusiedl

10. During the last week of September 1949, 12 carloads of tank sheeting, weighing a total of 180 tons, from the Lobau refinery and four additional carloads of iron pipes, weighing 114,830 kilograms, from Tavanrog, USSR, arrived at the SMV Central Warehouse, Neusiedl.

SMV Personnel

11. Sipiagin, SMV purchasing official, has been transferred from the SMV Purchasing Office to USIA's Building Administration (Gebäudeverwaltung), Vienna IV, Favoritenstrasse 24, which he is to reorganize in the near future.\*\*\* Lenzki, a Soviet national, who arrived from Moscow about five days ago, has already taken over Sipiagin's SMV post.

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